Supply of Electricity to Villages in Tumkur Taluk.

*Q.—130. Sri T. N. MUDALAGIRI GOWDA (Kunigal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when sanction was accorded for supply of electricity to Nagavalli and Hebbur villages in Tumkur Taluk and Huliyur durga village in Kunigal Taluk together with the amount of estimate therefor ;

(*b*) whether the required materials such as poles, wire, transformers, etc., have been supplied and the work commenced ;

(*c*) the reasons for not completing the work so far ;

(*d*) when the work would be completed and power supplied to those places ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) 1. The estimate amounting to Rs. 1,48,103 for the electrification of Nagavalli and Hebbur villages was sanctioned by the State Electricity Board on 8th December 1958.

2. The estimate for Rs. 2,25,000 for the electrification of Huliyurdurga and Ujjaini villages was sanctioned by the State Electricity Board on 31st March 1958.

(*b*) Not yet.

(*c*) As the parties are not ready with their installations and as the State Electricity Board have not received the completion reports, the departmental portion of work has not been taken up.

(*d*) Arrangements will be made to collect the required materials and start the work as soon as sufficient number of applicants complete the interior wiring of their houses, shops, etc., through licensed electrical contractors and send up the completion reports and pay the necessary minimum deposits.

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Supply of Lift Irrigation Pumps and Electricity to the Villages of Channagiri Taluk.

*Q.—193. Sri KUNDUR RUDRAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of petitions received from villagers of Channagiri Taluk for electrifying the villages and also for lift irrigation pumps ;

(*b*) the number of villages to which electricity was given since 1957 up-to-date ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) 10 applications for the electrification of villages and 37 applications for power supply to I.P. Sets in Channagiri Taluk have been received during the year 1959-60.

(*b*) Since 1957, 18 villages have been electrified in Channagiri Taluk.

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Enhancement of Fares of the Government Road Transport Buses.

*Q.—199. Sri E. NARAYANA GOWDA (Bangarpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have enhanced passenger fares in Government Road Transport buses and if so the rate per mile fixed ;

(*b*) the reasons for such enhancement ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the travelling public will be put to inconvenience by such enhancement ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(*a*) The passenger fares in the Mysore Government Road Transport Department have been revised with effect from 1st February 1960.

REVISED RATES OF FARE

Mofussil Services	*City Services*
5 nP. per mile. But fares are levied at the rate of 20 nP. per stage of 4 miles.	6 nP. for the 1st mile stage 5 nP. for the 2nd mile stage 4 nP. for the 3rd mile stage 3 nP. for the 4th and every subsequent mile stages.

(*b*) *Vide* press note issued by the Government (Copy given below).

(*c*) No.

Press Note

Revision of Fare Structure for the Bus Services in the Government Road Transport Department.

As the rates of fares and freight charges for motor vehicles in different areas of the State consequent on the Reorganisation of States were not uniform, it was considered necessary to revise the existing rates in order to bring about uniformity. The introduction of the decimal coinage system from 1st April 1957, also necessiated the issue of a fresh notification fixing the maximum fares and freight charges in terms of the new coinage. Government, therefore, in their Notification No. HD 26 MVA 57, dated the 24th February 1958, issued directions to the State Transport Authority to fix the limits of fares and freight charges for public service vehicles in the new State of Mysore as per details furnished in the said notification. The State Transport Authority have also passed a resolution on 28th March, 1958, in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Act, fixing the maximum rates of fares and freight charges as per Government Notification dated 24th February, 1958, with effcet from 1st April, 1958. The above maximum rates are applicable both to Government and private Services.

The question of making the above rates applicable to the Mysore Government Road Transport Department buses was examined. After the Reorganisation of the State, the fare structure for the Mysore Government Road Transport Department buses plying in the different areas of the State was found to vary widely from region to region.

The recent increase in the cost of operation of Government buses consequent on the (1) rise in the tax, (2) prices of petrol, (3) motor vehicles and spare parts, (4) on the revision of pay scales of the employees of the Department and also (5) increased transport facilities created by the Department, called for urgent revision of the fare structure. In old Mysore, the existing rates were fixed about 20 years ago and the living index has gone up much since then. A proportionate rise in Bus rate structure is not expected to be unreasonable with regard to old Mysore rates. In view of this and with a view to introducing a system of uniform fares both in the City and Mofussil Services and uniform luggage rates throughout the services in the Mysore Government Road Transport Department, the following revised rates of fares and freight were fixed :—

Stage Carriages.

	Revised rates.
I *Mofussil Service.*—	
(a) Fares—	
(i) Adults ...	20 Naye Paise per Stage mile per passenger, a distance of 4 miles constituting a stage.
(ii) Children (between 3 and 12 years).	Half the above rate.
(b) Luggage Charges—	
	12 Naye Paise per stage maund of 82 lbs. per stage of 4 miles including a free allowance of 20 lbs. for accompanied luggage.
	Perishable and empty containers to be charged at half the above rate.

(SRI K. F. PATIL)

Stage Carriages—*(contd.)*

		Revised rates
II City Services.—		
(a) Fares—		
(i) Adults	...	6 Naye Paise for 1st mile stage. 5 Naye Paise for 2nd mile stage. 4 Paise for 3rd mile stage. 3 Naye Paise for 4th and subsequent mile stages.
(ii) Children	...	3 Naye Paise for 1st mile stage. 5 Naye Paise for 2nd, 3rd and 4th mile stage. 10 Naye Paise for 5th, 6th and 7th mile stage. 15 Naye Paise for 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th mile stage. 20 Naye Paise for 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th mile stage.

Though the Government appoved the revised rates of fares and luggage charges referred to above in April 1958, the Order was not given effect to immediately for several reasons. Since then, further increase in the cost of operation of services and the better facilities created by the Department to the public warranted immediate introduction of the revised rates. Government have therefore ordered giving effect to the revised rates of fares and luggage charges for the Mysore Government Road Transport Department Bus Services from 1st February, 1960. In this connection, it may be stated that a study of the fares charged by the Road Transport undertakings in the neighbouring States will reveal that the revised rates of fares now notified in the R.T.D. compare very favourably with those obtaining in those States. The public are requested to appreciate the circumstances explained above and co-operate with the Department to help to serve them by providing efficient travelling facilities to them.

Construction of Bridge across Thunga River at Shimoga.

**Q.*—269. Smt. RATHNAMMA MADHAVA RAO (Shimoga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether there is any scheme for constructing a bridge across Tunga River near Sri Ramanna Park at Shimoga ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

Such a proposal was considered and dropped *for the time being.*

Public Health unit to Kumta Block.

**Q.*—316. Smt. V. V. MIRJANKAR (Kumta).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the Public Health Unit was santioned to the Kumta Block ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the Kumta Municipality about their willingness to hand over their Dispensary with equipment for upgrading as P. H. Unit;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the District Health Officer, Karwar, was asked to select a suitable site for the location of P.H. Unit and report to the Government ?

A.—Sri K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) In October, 1958.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.